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For : A METHOD OF INDUCING FORMATION OF KIDNEY EPITHELIA FROM MESENCHYMAL PRECURSORS

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO THE ACCOMPANYING §371 NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53

Applicants request that the following amendment be made in the above-identified application:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-7, 11, 15, 17, and 21 without disclaimer or prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a future continuation or divisional application.

Please amend claims 10, 12-14, 16, and 18-20 as follows:

-- 10. (Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the effective amount of the gp130 receptor ligand is an amount from about 5ng/ml to about 200 ng/ml.--

-- 12. (Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the effective amount of the gp130 receptor ligand is cardiotrophin, an oncostatin M, a ciliary neuronotrophic factor, or an interlukin-6.--

-- 13. (Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the growth factor is one or more of a TGF α , a FGF-2, a FGF-9, a TIMP-1, or a TIMP-2.--